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SATURDAY, Sept. 13th, 1873.

The Delegates of Pearl River Baptist Association met pursuant to adjournment, at Little Bahala, Lincoln county, Miss.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by A. Goss, from the following: Genesis vi, 5, Exodus xx, 3, 5, Joshua xxiv, 2, 14, 15, Isaiah xi, 8, Galatians v, 19, 21, II Peter ii, 20, 22, Revelation ix, 20, 21.

After a short intermission, the delegates assembled in the house and were called to order by the former Moderator. A hymn of praise was sung; and prayer was offered by Eld. J. E. Pouns.

The letters from the Churches were read by Bros. S. W. Sibley and J. M. Smith.

Bros. J. A. Bass and S. Ross were requested to assist the Treasurer in receiving the contributions from the Churches.

The Association went into the election of her officers, which resulted in the choice of Bros. N. Robertson, Moderator; A. Goss, Clerk, and F. M. Polk, Treasurer.

Visiting Ministers were then invited to seats in the Association to aid us in our deliberations.

The following newly constituted Churches presented petitionary letters by their delegates for admission into this Association, viz.: Holly Springs, Lawrence county, and Holly Springs, Marion county. The Association being satisfied as to the faith and order, were received and made members.

A Committee on Preaching was appointed consisting of Simeon Ross, J. M. Smith, W. Ard, N. Barnes, and J. W. Burkett.

An invitation to corresponding Associations was given and received as follows:

From Bogue Chitto (no Minutes nor letters)—Messengers B. A. Crawford and W. J. Fortenberry.

General Association of Baptists of South Mississippi and East Louisiana—E. C. Eager and S. S. Relyea.

From Central Association—Eld: Walter Hillman, LL. D.

From Strong River (no letter nor Minutes)—S. G. Salter.

From Mississippi Association—A letter; no Minutes nor Messengers.

The Messengers were received and requested to take seats in the Association.

Correspondence with Sister Associations was arranged as follows:

M. M. Fortenberry to write to Ebenezer, B. M. Bankston and J. W. Cox, Messengers; to Hobolachitto, J. A. Bass to write; R. R. Turner and S. C. Dale, Messengers; to Strong River, J. E. Pouns to write; N. Robertson, G. W. Farmer and A. Goss, Messengers; to Bogue Chitto, S. M. Richie, J. A. Sandifer, Messengers; to Mississippi, J. M. Smith and B. Magee, Messengers.

Bro. T. J. Little was granted leave of absence.

The Committee on Preaching reported that they had appointed Bro. B. A. Crawford to open the services on to-morrow, and Bro. N. Robertson to preach in the forenoon, and Bro. E. C. Eager to preach in the afternoon and close.

Adjourned to meet on Monday, at 9 o'clock A.M.

Prayer by Bro. E. C. Eager.

## SUNDAY.

The services of the day were conducted according to the arrangement of the committee, and were such as to justify the hope that their labors were not in vain.

## MONDAY.

MONDAY, Sept. 15th, 9 o'clock A.M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Bro. S. S. Relyea led in prayer.

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A letter from West Pearl River, a new Association, was received. No Messenger. Also from the Fair River Association a package of Minutes and letter by the hand of Bro. G. H. Barreth, Messenger. We agree to correspond with them.

J. J. Thornhill, to write to West Pearl River, and A. Goss and B. M. Bankston, Messengers.

W. L. Bowman to write to Fair River, and J. L. Chandler, L. J. Bullock and J. M. Richey, Messengers.

According to arrangement of Preaching Committee for to-day, A. A. Lomax preached in the forenoon and S. S. Relyea in the afternoon.

Bethel, a newly constituted Church, sent a petitionary letter and delegation for admission into this Association, and were presented on Saturday. Bro. Bankston being present at its organization, objected to their being received, in consequence of the most of their letters not being in fellowship, but stated members only, and being brought forward now, by motion on reception, the delegation from Ebenezer Church objected to them on the ground of fellowship, and by a unanimous vote it was rejected.

The Treasurer's report was received. See report.

Your committee appointed to examine the report of the Treasurer, report that they have examined the same and find it correct.

SIMEON ROSS,

J. A. BASS,

*Committee.*

The Saron Church requested a letter of dismissal from this Association to join another Association, which was granted.

We agree to hold the next session of this Association with the Bethany Church, at the usual time.

That A. Goss attend to the printing and distributing of our Minutes. Ordered he receive twenty-five dollars for his services.

The Association renewed their Missionary Board, consisting of seven members, N. Robertson, A. Goss, James Mikell, F. M. Polk, W. J. Armstrong, J. A. Bass, and J. J. Mikell.

Leave of absence was granted to B. M. Bankston, J. W. Burkett, B. Magee, and W. Clark.

We, your Committee on Preaching, appoint Bro. J. E. Pouns to preach the next Introductory Sermon, at our next session, and R. R. Turnage, his alternate.

*Resolved*, That we correspond with the General Association of Baptists of South Mississippi and East Louisiana. And Brothers J. E. Pouns, A. Goss, J. A. Bass, N. Robertson, G. W. Farmer, B. M. Bankston and M. M. Fortinberry, Messengers.

WHEREAS, The Mississippi Baptist State Convention did at its last session determine to enter upon the work of State Missions; and, whereas, a Board was appointed and located at Hazlehurst, Copiah county, Mississippi; and, whereas, said Board was instructed by the Convention to employ a Correspondent Secretary; to secure the closest possible co-operation with all the Associations in the State; to collect funds, employ missionaries, and supply, so far as possible, the destitution throughout the State; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this action of our State Convention meets with the hearty approval of this Association, and that we will assist the Board with our sympathy, our prayers, and our contributions.

*Resolved*, That the Correspondent Secretary of the General Association be cordially and affectionately invited to visit our Association and churches, for the purpose of interesting our people in the great work of Home Missions, and to raise funds for supplying the destitute portions of South Mississippi and East Louisiana with the gospel of salvation.

*Resolved*, That we earnestly urge the churches of this Association to make regular and liberal contributions to our Board at Hazlehurst.

*Resolved*, That the Executive Board of this Association be and are hereby instructed to co-operate with the State Board in prosecuting mission work within our own bounds.

*Resolved*, That we approve of the object of the Education Society of South Mississippi and East Louisiana in establishing a first class Female Baptist College in the town of Summit, Miss., as presented to us by its Agent, E. C. Eager.

*Resolved*, That we recommend and urge every Minister and Church in this Association to have a Sabbath School in their church and at other suitable places.

The minutes were read and approved.

The business of the Association was transacted with the utmost harmony and good feeling, and being completed the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Bethany, Lawrence county, fourteen miles east of Monticello, on Saturday before the second Sunday of September, 1874.

Bro. W. Hilman led in prayer.

A. Goss, Clerk.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

H. HOOKER, Treasurer,

*In account with Pearl River Association :*

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To amount received last Association, 1872: .....	\$ 109 25
Balance in funds.....	59 45
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	\$ 148 70

Paid Wm. L. Mitchell for printing Minutes..... \$ 60 00

N. Robertson, per order of Association for services rendered.....	50 00
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Amount paid out..... \$110 00

Balance in hand for Associational purposes..... \$38 70

Received from Society Hill Church for Missionary fund.. 2 20

I herewith resign my office as Treasurer.

H. HOOKER, Treasurer.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS.

N. ROBERTSON,.....	White Sand Post Office.	
A. Goss,.....	Oak Vale	"
J. E. POUNS,.....	Columbia	"
J. L. CHANDLER,.....	China Grove	"
B. M. BANKSTON,.....	White Sand	"
J. J. GOSS,.....	Oak Vale	"
R. R. TURNAGE,.....	China Grove	"

## TABLE OF CHURCHES, ETC.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter...	Restored	Dism'd by Letter..	Excluded	Deceased	Total	Copies of Minutes.	Contributions.....
Antioch.....	Lawrence.	Brookhaven.	L. J. Bullock	8	1	3	10	4	2	58	30	\$4 00
Antioch.....	Marion.	Columbia.	J. A. Sandefer, R. R. Turnage	13	4	1	1	1	41	25	25	2 50
Bethany.....	Lawrence.	White Sand	N. Robertson, J. A. Bass, J. Michael, F. M. Polk	13	4	1	15	2	204	50	10 00	
Bethel.....	Lawrence.	Monticello.	G. W. Parmer, Simeon Ross	4	2	1	8	1	42	20	3 00	
Crooked Creek..	Lawrence.	Silver Creek	S. C. Dale, S. B. Culpeper	9	2	1	12	1	72	12	3 00	
Cedar Grove...	Marion.	Columbia.	J. W. Cox, J. E. White	2	2	1	4	2	34	20	3 00	
Columbia.....	Marion.	Columbia.	A. Goss	1	1	1	1	1	9	8	1 00	
Ebenezer.....	Covington.	Wilks' Burg	N. Barnes, Wm. Clark	1	1	1	1	1	6	2	1 00	
Graves' Creek..	Marion.	Columbia.	J. D. Norris	1	1	1	1	1	6	2	1 00	
Hepzibah.....	Lawrence.	Oak Vale.	J. W. Burkett	1	1	1	1	1	6	2	1 00	
Magee's Creek..	Pike	China Grove.	J. L. Chandler	2	2	1	9	1	17	30	5 00	
Providence.....	Pike	Summit	Jackson Boyd	3	17	1	14	1	74	35	5 00	
Pleasant Hill..	Lincoln.	Bogue Chitto.	J. M. Richie, W. L. Boman	1	1	1	1	1	65	30	6 00	
Silver Creek...	Lawrence.	Monticello.	B. Y. Lewis	1	1	1	1	1	70	50	8 00	
Society Hill...	Lawrence.	Oak Vale.	T. J. Little	1	1	1	1	1	37	15	5 00	
State Line.....	Marion.	Columbia.	J. E. Pouns, W. Ard	1	1	1	1	1	96	40	7 00	
Saron.....	Lincoln.	Brookhaven.	J. M. Smith, B. Magee	1	1	1	1	1	80	25	3 00	
New Hope.....	Marion.	China Grove.	E. J. Pitman, J. J. Graham	4	3	1	2	2	42	30	5 00	
White Sand.....	Lawrence.	Mt. Carmel	J. J. Polk, J. A. Boyington	9	3	1	1	1	54	30	5 00	
Little Bahala..	Lincoln.	Beauregard	G. W. Farmer, Simeon Ross	9	6	1	1	1	43	20	3 00	
Holly Springs..	Lawrence.	Silver Creek.	B. M. Bankston, M. M. Fortenberry	2	8	1	3	5	126	35	7 00	
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